

Civil Rights Advisory Council
March 5, 2007
Conference Call Meeting Minutes (Draft)

Members Present: Christine Kaufmann (Chair), Dorothy Eck, Marilyn Kramer, Murray Pierce, Jessie James-Hawley

Staff Present: Linda Carlson, and Kathy Bean (Gov's Office of Community Service)

Absent: Katie Stevens, June Hermanson

Adopt minutes: (Not adopted at this conference call)

Meeting Focus:

Christine Kaufmann began the meeting by stating the initial intention of the Civil Rights Advisory Council was to identify bills having civil rights implications and provide input to the Governor as a unified council. Concerns were voiced by members pertaining to the review of bills, in particular; the need for members to provide immediate assessment without sufficient time to discern the impact surrounding the support of these bills. A resounding response by all Council members was to enter into the legislative process when the Council knew of specific civil rights issues being processed in the Legislative session where the councils presence could be helpful, at that time the Council could; give direction, make a public statement, and or provide support as a unified presence. Christine stated that she would contact Anna Whiting – Sorrell with this message, in turn, Anna could provide awareness to bills needing advocacy. Murray Pierce asked Christine to let the members know the status of the bill discerning racial profiling.

Murray Pierce and Linda Carlson will meet to confirm a location, the date/time, media coverage, recording procedure and overall design of the first public hearing on youth serving juvenile probation. So far the hearing is scheduled to take place during the month of May. Dorothy Eck reminded members how busy the end of the month gets with graduations and end of school events. Dorothy proposed the hearing to be held near the beginning of May. Murray wanted to ensure a list of invitees was created including the Dept. of Corrections and that the Governor's Office be informed of the hearing. Murray reinforced the hearing environment to hold a tone of civil rights advisory as opposed to a criminal perspective.

Linda stated she would prioritize setting a date for the hearing and send Murray's email out to all council members.

Next meeting:
Conference call
Thursday, April 12th, 2007
4:00 p.m.